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Rep. Powers Announces Tax Holiday for Home Weatherization



HARTFORD – The long-range winter weather forecast may be frigid but a state program that kicks off Friday can warm the hearts and homes of Connecticut residents.

House Deputy Minority Leader Claudia “Dolly” Powers today announced that starting Nov. 25, the state will suspend sales taxes on products and services that will make it more efficient and easier to heat homes this winter.

Tax holiday will last until April 1, 2006 and was approved by the House and Senate in special session this fall.

The break applies to the following items: efficient windows and window film; programmable thermostats; window and door caulking; weather strips; attic and wall insulation as well as water pipe insulation; water heaters and water heater blankets; natural gas furnaces that meet federal Energy Star standards; oil furnaces that are not less than 85 percent efficient based on Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency.

For more information and to obtain necessary paperwork Powers said residents should contact the state Department of Revenue Services at 1-800-382-9463.

Powers said, “We may not be able to control the cost of gas and heating oil but this is one program we can put in place to defray the retail costs consumers pay.”

The exclusion applies to sales made by Connecticut retailers, sales made by out-of-state retailers required to collect use tax on sales to Connecticut customers, and purchases by Connecticut customers on sales on which they would otherwise be required to self-assess use tax.

The tax does not apply to sale of a residential weatherization product sold during the exclusion period by mail, telephone or over the Internet.